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My Dear Sir

I have merely written to thank you sincerely for the accommodation you have put yourself out of the way to afford me, and I am only sorry I should be under the necessity of annoying you, at a time so unal a propos - I received the cash barely in time to save myself but I am now out of my trouble and in full feather, for my farce was very successful last night at the Haymarket and went off with a great deal of applause.

What think you of this title for the Melodrama

**THE ROCK AHEAD**

OR  
**ALL LOST FOR LOVE**

The title has something nautical about it, and the second title is necessary to give an idea of what kind of Rock ahead is inferred, the first is short which are ever the best, as they can be displayed much better in the bills - You need be under no apprehension of my having any conjunction

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with other scribbles, as what little I had I was so heartily sick of, and <sup>so</sup> bored and worried by the fopperies and weaknesses of a second person, that I have entirely shook off all connections of that nature, as I have sufficient of the above faults myself, without having to support the burthen of another — the Melodrama is entirely my own, and of home manufacture, no trench or adaptation about it, and I am glad you and Miss Yates are pleased with it.

John Reeve only knows that I have written two or three parts for him, for the Adelphi, but what they are, or in what pieces they are he is entirely ignorant. So you may safely do as you please with the beadle — I shall be satisfied with either, tho' I do not think that Pitkin will have such an opportunity of playing every body out of the piece, as he had in the "Elly Queen".

I am going to Hastings next week if the weather is warm, but shall return by the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> September, most likely before that time, if you are in town about the

10<sup>th</sup> I shall call upon you, perhaps you will drop me a line to Walcott Place, ~~about~~ when you arrive, as I shall certainly be in town then.

They improve a little at the Adelphi, but business is still bad, and every piece they have as yet brought out has been missed & a failure! — they expected to show us up — but the Town say our Company is superior in acting strength, and like it better — I think the improvements in the Strand does them as good, as it obstructs the great thoroughfare. — I hope it will be a little cleared by the time we open.

Praying for the day when you take off your hat to the Elephant.

I remain  
Yours very faithfully  
29 Walcott Place  
Lambeth 1830  
14 August  
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